



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1636**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Philippe CROS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1636

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For: NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 8, 1999, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 10 as follows:

Claim 1, line 16, after "contacting step", change "(c)" to --(b)--.

Claim 3, line 16, after "contacting step", change "(c)" to --(b)--.

Claim 5, line 10, delete ", preferably between 30 and 40°C".